Homegoing Celebration

for

Aug. 30, 1930

Feb. 25, 2019

Mother E. Jean Relierford

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

10:00 AM

OFFICATING

Elder Justin Genevro

Prayer Garden Church of God in Christ

651 North Sixth Street

San Jose, CA 95112

Dr. P.D. Bates, Pastor

Obituary

Mother Jean Relierford was born to Mr. Richard Taylor and Lucille Johnson in Terrell, Texas on August 30, 1930. She was the third child born to this union. She was reared by her grandmother until moving to Dallas, Texas in 1950. Her educational background was at College Mount, Texas.

In 1955, she married the love of her life Elder Walter Relierford and to this union one son was born, Robert Relierford. Mother Jean Relierford and family moved to Seaside California to reunite with her husband's family and later relocated in 1957 to San Jose, CA.

She became a member of St Paul Baptist Church and remained faithful until 1960. After hearing the gospel preached at Prayer Garden Church of God in Christ, she received the baptism of Holy Ghost under the leadership of the late Bishop M. Mathis. While attending Prayer Garden COGIC, she served in many capacities, as Mission Department Assistant President and the Women's Chorus member. She worked with the witnessing team servicing the St. James Park and speaking to whomever she had opportunity to share the gospel.

In 1980, she was appointed District Missionary of Palo Alto/ San Jose District. In the late 1980's, her husband Elder Relierford became the pastor of Mathis Memorial Church of God in Christ. Under his leadership, she served as the First Lady, Women's Department President, President of Missions, Youth Choir President, Great Prayer Warrior, and many other areas of service. She became District Missionary of the New Horizon District with Superintendent. E.J. O'Neal, Superintendent James Edwards and Superintendent Robert Cowan and remained until her retirement in 2009. Under the leadership Mother Mattie McGlothen and Mother Louise Perrodin she had the distinguished honor of serving as a National Evangelist. Mother Relierford served as regional District Missionary while serving under Mother Mary M. Welch for California Northwest Jurisdiction.

A woman with a compassionate heart who opened her doors to foster children for several years. Her love for young people and encouragement for education will be greatly missed.

Her professional career as a Certified Nurse Assistant at the El Camino and O'Connor Hospital gave her the opportunity to provide quality care for those in need.

She was noted for her excellent cooking and many can attest to her delicious dishes. Some of her hobbies were fishing, enjoying the Dallas Cowboys, became a Warrior fan and enjoyed wrestling. Her quick wit and humor were experienced by many in the work place and church. She was affectionately known as Mama G.G, Missionary, Evangelist and Mom.

She reunited with Prayer Garden COGIC under the leadership of Superintendent P.D. Bates after the passing of her husband, Elder Walter Relierford. She recently was under watch care at Pilgrim Church of God in Christ under Pastor Nathaniel Riley.

Her memories will be cherished by her loving sons, Robert Relierford, Frankie and Matthew. Seven grandchildren, Keith, James, Nikki, Shani, Nathan, Latisha and Monique. 19 great-grandchildren, and six great-great grandchildren. Several God children, Thomas, LaRone Randolph, Drena, Brenda, Missionary Jacqueline Bates, Mr. Joe Orr, Elder Steve Hodge, Elder Justin Genevro, Missionary Lucy Hodge. Special niece Tami and special daughter, Denise Hibbler. Her California sisters, Mother Lena Willis, Sister Willette Huey, Mother Carolyn Bates, Missionary Ressie Cameron, Missionary Margie Juniel, Sister Flora Cade and other special sisters and brothers. A host of nieces, nephews, friends, former Mathis Memorial Church of God in Christ, Prayer Garden Church of God in Christ and California Northwest Jurisdiction. To God be the Glory!

MEMORIES

Homegoing Celebration for Evangelist Jean Relierford

Mistress of Ceremonies: Mother Victorene Houston
Pulpit Facilitator: Elder Justin Genevro

Musical Processional.....*Clergy, Pallbearers & Family*

Invocation.....*Pastor Nathaniel Riley*

Scripture Reading

Old Testament- II Chronicles 7:14
New Testament- St. John 14: 1-6

Congregational Selection

"Mother Relierford's Medley"

Expressions (Family and Friends, two minutes please)

Special Remarks

Mother Lena Willis, As a Friend
Sister Flora Cade, As a First Lady (Audio Presentation)
Mother Mary M. Welch, As a District Missionary

Representation from Former New Horizon District.....*Missionary Joyce Genevro*

Pilgrim Women's Department.....*First Lady Candace Riley*

Prayer Garden Women's Department.....*Mother Carolyn Bates*

"My Godmother".....*Missionary Lucy Hodge & Elder Steve Hodge*

Acknowledgements/ Condolences/ Resolutions/ Telegrams/ Cards.....*Missionary Jacqueline Bates*

Special Tribute.....*Memories and Archives*

Clergical Expressions.....*Elder Justin Genevro*

Obituary Reading

Sermonic Solo.....*Sister Yvonne Young*

Eulogy.....*Dr. P. D Bates*

A Glimpse to Glory.....*Chapel of Flowers Mortuary Staff*

Recessional

Interment

Cedar Lawn Cemetery
Fremont, California

Pallbearers

Klevis Lika

Elder Stephen Hodge

Elder Jason Howard

Minister Walter Edwards

Brother Joe Orr

James Gooch

Special Thanks

Thanks to everyone for
Your calls, prayers, cards,
and visitations; continue to remember
us during this time of bereavement.

-Relierford Family

Services Rendered by
Chapel of Flowers
900 2nd Street
San Jose, CA 95112